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UNOPS and Canada continue to strengthen the Palestinian security sector

Jerusalem, 28 May 2018 – The United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) and Global Affairs Canada signed an agreement to continue their efforts to strengthen the Palestinian security sector, through the renovation and upgrade of the existing Small Arms Safety Training Facility (SASTF) in Jericho and the procurement of vehicle maintenance tools for the Palestinian Authority Security forces (PASF).

The project will improve the overall condition of the SASTF with a view to the continuation and expansion of safe, efficient and professional weapons handling and firing facility with the Palestinian Authority Security forces (PASF).
The renovation and upgrade project also aims to strengthen the infrastructure capacity of the SASTF to provide high quality and effective training for both female and male security sector personnel.

UNOPS will provide management and implementation oversight for the seven months of project activities, which include the procurement of vehicle maintenance tools and equipment, as well as training materials to enable the PASF to increase efficiency and productivity in PASF operations.

Mr Tokumitsu Kobayashi, UNOPS Jerusalem Operations Centre Director, said "SASTF was handed over to PASF in 2012 and has been run and managed by them which has enabled different security agencies to be trained in a harmonised approach. An effective follow-up at this time contributes to further strengthening the capacity of security agencies in Palestine."

UNOPS is well known for its system of health and safety management and will ensure that the team will deliver infrastructure that complies with international best practices, UNOPS is the first United Nations organisations to be OHSAS 18001 certified.

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